

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-114, 122-229, 238-285 and 298-300 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 115-121, 230-237 and 288-297 now remain in this application.

In preparing the response to the office action, Applicant determined that the number of claims was in error. In an amendment dated October 22, 2004 applicant added claims 243-285. Thereafter, in an amendment dated June 29, 2005 in response to an Office Action dated 03/18/2005, applicant retained only specified claims between claim 1 and claim 242 and cancelled the remaining claims. In an amendment dated 08/09/2005, applicant cancelled claims 243-285. Thereafter, in an amendment dated 02/10/2006, applicant added claims additional claims which were incorrectly numbered in that amendment as claims 243-257. These claims should have been numbered 286-300. This error was carried over to a subsequent amendment, which cancelled claims incorrectly numbered claims 255-257. By the present amendment, Applicant has corrected this error, renumbering claims the incorrectly numbered claims 243-254 as claims 286-297, and indicating that incorrectly numbered claims 255-257, actually claims 298-300, are cancelled. Applicant believes that these amendments now bring the listing of claims into compliance and address the issues raised in the presently pending office action.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant has carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the specification in view of the remarks presented above.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above amendments and arguments, or any suggestions to obtain allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney, Ellsworth R. Roston, at 310-824-5555.

It is believed that there are no additional fees due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-2425 for any unforeseen fees arising from the filing of this paper.

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